

Reps. Greig, Moss, Cochran, Plawecki, Driskell, Wittenberg, Gay-Dagnogo, Chirkun, Hovey-Wright, Sarah Roberts, Faris, Heise, Hughes, LaVoy, Pagan, Price, Schor and Singh offered the following resolution:

House Resolution No. 173.

A resolution to declare October 22, 2015, as PTA Day in the state of Michigan.

Whereas, Since 1918, the Michigan Parent Teacher Association (Michigan PTA), a chapter of the National PTA, has been a leading voice in advocacy for children and families in Michigan. Michigan PTA promotes local, regional, and state efforts to focus on the education and well-being of all children in our state by working with families, educators, school boards, statewide associations, non-profit organizations, business and community leaders, the legislature, the State Board of Education, and the Michigan Department of Education to ensure child-related concerns are being met; and

Whereas, The Michigan PTA is a non-profit, 501(c)(3) organization that mobilizes the forces of school, home, and community in order to ensure a quality education and nurturing environment for every child; and

Whereas, For more than 100 years, the National PTA has worked toward bettering the lives of every child in education, health and safety. Founded in 1897 as the National Congress of Mothers by Alice McLellan Birney and Phoebe Apperson Hearst, the National PTA is a powerful voice for all children, a relevant resource for families and communities, and a strong advocate for public education. Alice McLellan Birney and Phoebe Apperson Hearst founded the organization when women did not have the right to vote and social activism was not popular. However, they believed mothers would support their mission to eliminate threats that endangered children, and in early 1897, they started a nationwide campaign; and

Whereas, On February 17, 1897, more than 2,000 people, mostly mothers, but also fathers, teachers, laborers and legislators, attended the first convocation of the National Congress of Mothers in Washington, D.C. Twenty years later, 37 chartered state congresses existed; and

Whereas, In 1970, the National PTA and the National Congress of Colored Parents and Teachers, founded by Selena Sloan Butler in Atlanta, Georgia, merged to serve all children; and

Whereas, Today's PTA is a network of millions of families, students, teachers, administrators, and business and community leaders devoted to the educational success of children and the promotion of family engagement in schools; and

Whereas, The National PTA is the largest volunteer child advocacy organization in the nation. Through advocacy, as well as family and community education, the National PTA has established programs and called for legislation that improves our children's lives; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of this legislative body declare October 22, 2015, as PTA Day in the state of Michigan.